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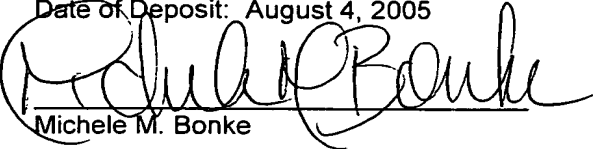
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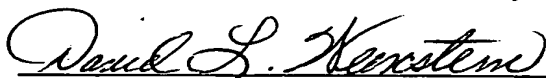
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1. Information Disclosure Statement (2 Pages)
2. PTO – Form 1449 (1 Page)
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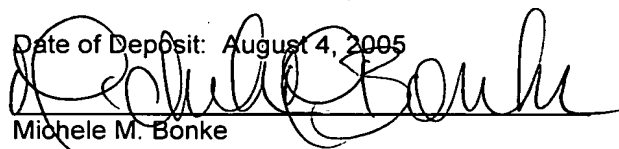
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Each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from the European Patent Office in a counterpart international PCT application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement.

Copies of the listed documents are attached. A copy of the PCT search report is also attached.

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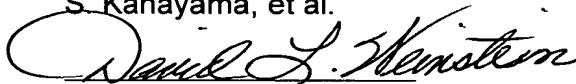
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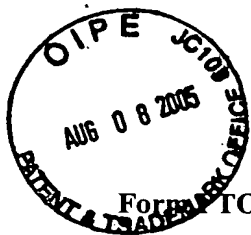
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	A2	5,615,675	04/01/1997	O'Donnell, et al.			
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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Place of Publication)

	C1	Quan, et al., Glucose determination by a pulsed photoacoustic technique: an experimental study using a gelatin-based tissue phantom, Phys. Med. Biol. 38: 1911 – 1922 (1993).
	C2	Christison et al., Laser photoacoustic determination of physiological glucose concentrations in human whole blood, Medical & Biological Engineering & Computing, 31: 284 – 290 (1993).

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